Leicester, Dec. 29. 1843.

My dear Miss Carpenter,

I have just returned from a two days' visit to Boston, whither I went to see & a little of the 10th Massachusetts Anti Slavery Fair. It had been a week in progress when I saw it, and consequently the greater part of the most valuable & prettiest articles had been purchased and taken away. I was really sorry to find (on my own account) that not one of your drawings remained; for I wished very much to become the possessor of at least one. They all sold quickly at the price you fixed, viz. $2. each. When I first sent them to Mrs. Chapman, she thought they should be put at a higher price than $2. If I had known they would not have been rated higher than that I should have engaged one or two beforehand. The Hall in which the Fair is held is a very large one and was tastefully decked with evergreen, and hung with portraits and Anti-Slavery banners, with appropriate mottoes. Some articles from England did not arrive till after the Fair was opened; they were not gotten through the Custom-house, indeed, and brought to the Hall till the first day I was there, and I had the pleasure of seeing them opened and brought to light. Among them was a handsome variety of the Tunbridge Ware - paper-folders, work-boxes, tea-caddies, pencil-cases, and many little things. Among these articles, too, received after the Fair had commenced, was Mrs. Armstrong's Model of the Infant School in Savannah, which I had the pleasure of seeing, and showing it to a number of my friends. The second day, on going to look at it again, I found it was gone. It had been sold. So it has been with the Fair, generally. They have had a ready sale for all the really pretty or valuable things; and in the smaller fairs, which from time to time throughout the year are held in different parts of the State, they will undoubtedly sell all that remains

Such has been the case hitherto; and this year is regarded as fully equal to any previous one. The Fair was to have closed last evening, and I presume did so. In the course of a few weeks, ~~the~~ we shall have an official report of the result, from Mrs. Chapman. It will doubtless be published in the Liberator, and I shall send you one. One of the prettiest things in connection with the Fair was the Christmas Tree - a German idea, you know; and under the name of "Christnacht-baum" made quite an impression. It was a very tall evergreen tree, a hemlock, erected in the centre of a large hall, (used for the hall for the performance of Oratorios, Fox Concerts, & the like). The tree was well-filled with candles, and the boughs were hung with little articles of all sorts, suitable for children's gifts - for it is for children, almost exclusively, that this exhibition was got up. Dr. Henry Bowditch, a son of the Mathematician, was chiefly active about the Christmas Tree. But I shall weary you with this matter.

I am happy to address you from my own home, and to feel that, though here, I have friends, and those too who remember me kindly, on the other side of the great ocean. I wish you would give my respects and affectionate regards to them all - to your sister & brother, to Dr. Estlin and Miss Estlin, to Mr. Armistead & his family, and to Mr. James. Do me the favour to say to Mr. A., and to Mr. J., that I have received their letters by the Hibernia & Mr. James C. Fuller, that I heartily thank them, and shall write to one or both by the next Steamship, which will not be I think till February 1st. The "Address" to the Unitarians is not yet made public, and I am waiting with no little interest, till it is, and that I may see how it is received. On this subject, I shall assuredly write to Messrs. A. & J. so soon as I have anything on the subject. They will remember that a short address, on the same subject, was sent to Boston from Dublin last Summer. It was, on the whole, more kindly received than I had supposed feared it would be. The Christian Register", which is the worst of all our periodicals a paper, in its tone on this subject spoke with a tolerable

share of respect of the motives which led the Dublin gentlemen to ad-
the address; but it could not forbear a hint that they had business
enough of their own, at home, to attend to. This is an old pro-slav-
cry, and a poor feint. It ought to have no weight at all, especially
when addressed to such men as those in Dublin, who while they do
the one thing, do not leave the other undone; but who are most
energetically at work in every good cause, at home. It has been well
said that "duties never interfere with each other"; and because we have
calls at home, it is no reason that we should be deaf to those from abroad.
I fear that some of your Unitarian Ministers have been too much afraid of
offending the Unitarians in this country - "faithful are the wounds of a friend."
They can do Unit^m, in this land, no service so great, as to help divorce
it from all connexion with Slavery - a divorce, I am sorry to say, not yet
made. Many, very many, of our Ministers do not, even no, dare
to speak freely on Slavery. Are they freemen, or Slaves themselves?

We have a better paper than the Register - better, in that it
has abler men to sustain it, not that it presents a greater variety
in the subjects it discusses, or more learning in their discussion, or is more
interesting, taken altogether - for, in these points, the Regist. is probably a little
the superiority - but better, in that it is freer. It is open to articles on Slavery,
and on Temperance, &c. &c., and has published a great many such. And it is im-
proving, & gaining ground daily. It is called the "Christian World." It is edited by
George G. Channing, a brother of the late Dr. C., who has been for the greater part of his
life a merchant, but has now devoted himself, as he believes, for life, to efforts for the
in behalf of pure and personal religion. The "Christian Examiner" is just
going out of the hands of Rev. William Ware, into those of Rev. Drs. Lamson and
Gannett. The endeavour is to be made to render it more interesting to general
readers, while it will still in part aim to be as valuable to ministers
and literary & theological readers as it has been. I think it will continue
open to the discussion of the most interesting and important questions of the day,
in our country.

I have not forgotten your Sister's Manuscript. I have already procured
2 or 3 additions to it. For a fortnight, it has been in the hands of Rev. Mr. Hill
of Worcester. I shall endeavour to discharge meet her wishes on the subject.
When you can find time, and feel disposed, to write to me, pray do so.
Be assured it will give me great pleasure. I am, affectionately & Respectfully
Your friend, Sam^l May.

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